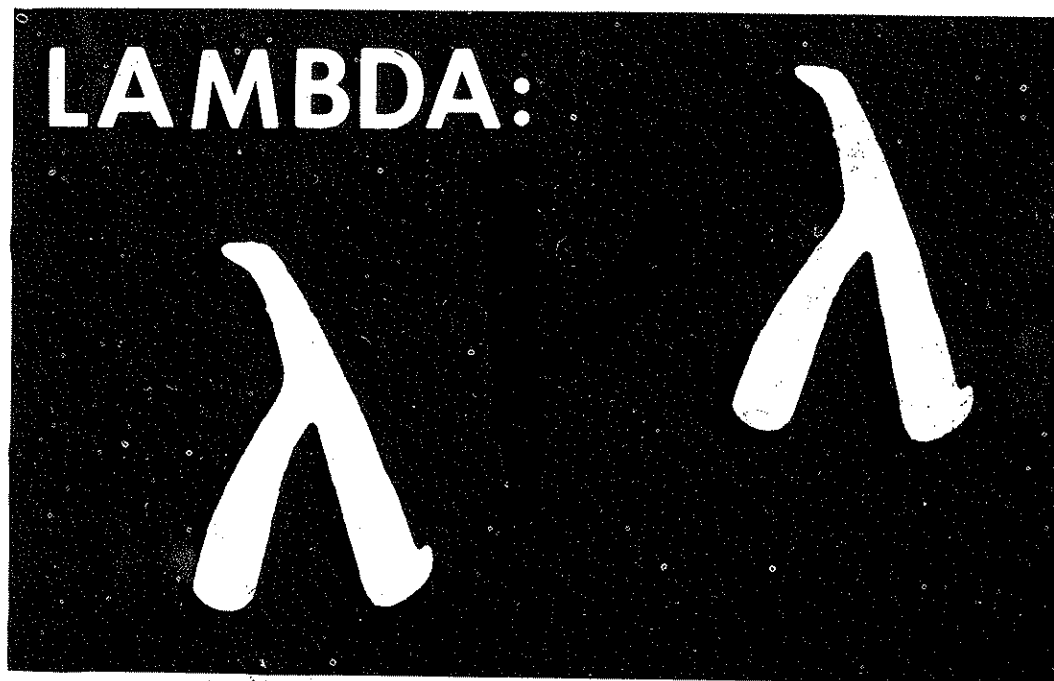


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## LAMBDA: Gay pride symbol

In response to many requests, we'd like to give our readers the definition and significance of the Lambda, which has become the symbol of the gay rights movement.

The Lambda is the 11th letter of the Greek Alphabet. When placed before the name of an element in chemical physics, it means that element is in total activity. Hence Lambda stands for Activism. The element itself works as a catalyst, causing change to come about in others while maintaining its discrete identity.

In the short period of time since its inception by Gay Activists Alliance, the Lambda has already become the national symbol of Gay Liberation.

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NEW JERSEY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS  
(NJGPC) Press Release  
August 5, 1972 Session  
32 Bridge Street, Hackensack  
201-343-6402

HACKENSACK--The New Jersey Gay Political Caucus Saturday, August 5 withdrew its support of Democratic Presidential candidate George McGovern pending further clarification regarding his endorsement of gay rights.

"Early in McGovern's campaign, he came out strongly in favor of gay rights," said John Hanna, a caucus spokesperson who is also President of Fairleigh Dickinson University (Teaneck) Student Homophile League. "However, since Ohio delegate Kathy Wilch delivered her party endorsed blow against the movement at the convention, we seriously think gays have been used by McGovern only to get on in the primaries. Now he has the

candidacy he is discarding us. We'll have to wait and see," Hanna said.

Caucus spokesperson John Gish stated the caucus "supports the efforts of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations (NCGO) to become a gay lobby." Gish, who is president of Gay Activists Alliance of New Jersey (GAANJ), said the caucus will shortly commence a fund raising program to help the financially ailing NCGO.

Sue McConnell, a teacher-mother who like Gish is suffering job loss due to anti-gay discrimination, urged the caucus to "fight all case of discrimination on the job plus housing and public accomodations. Too many gay people have been discouraged to file complaints on discrimination because gays do not yet have clear legal protection." Ms. McConnell is president of the Gay Activists Alliance of Essex and Union Counties and founder  
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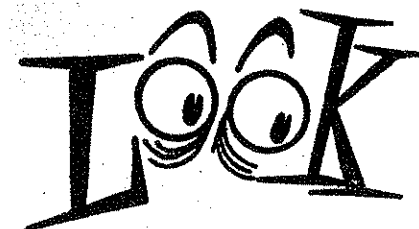
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

I have been meaning to write this letter for some time now. First I would like to quote a few lines from Dr. George Weinberg's book to open my letter. "Many heterosexual men feel threatened by the sight of homosexuals who appear to them to be disdainful of the basic requirements of manhood." A personal experience of mine that I would like to point out follows.

This is a situation one day at work when a doctor came in the room to do a case. While I was in the room, he noticed me. He knew me previously from the other cases I had assisted him with. In this one particular case, he walked in and started talking to the patient and saw me. He said hello to me, the other doctor

and the female nurses. After the case he started putting his arms around the female nurses to show his manliness. I guess he felt threatened by my presence and I feel he knew or suspected I was a homosexual.

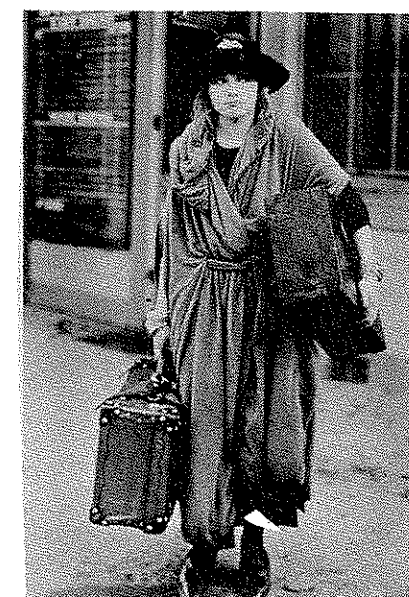
Many people have a very tragic defense mechanism of talking about homosexuals while there is a homosexual in the room. For instance, one time the very doctor I helped on a case said, "Oh! Some homosexuals are nice, I guess they're pleasant to work with."

These are only a few instances but I am sure it could be applied to many of us with our very similar situations of everyday struggles with harrassment. This is why every gay person should as his duty join a Gay Movement near him today to end our oppression and to make people aware of our natural existence

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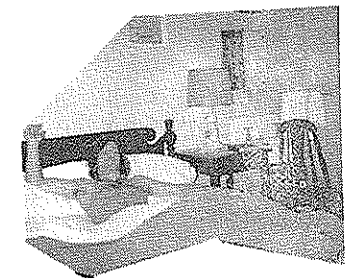
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GAAC'S WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP

It was a hot Saturday morning that found a group of wandering females searching the hillsides for a cool, grassy spot - to rest and picnic.

The date was July 22nd, and G.A.A.C.'s Women's Group's first social function - a picnic at South Mountain Reservation.

After much hassling and some relocating by groups such as the Prudential Insurance family picnic (I think a group from United Steel Workers Union was somewhere about, too) we finally spotted our oasis.

Food and drink were unpacked. While some went about the business of burning hamburgers and not roasting hot dogs, others were already settling down to discussions which ranged from sensitivity encounters, women's lib and gay rights--both pros and cons, to "did anyone bring a damn can opener?"

Although the turnout wasn't as large as we had hoped, it was a good group and a good beginning. We are happy to report that there were sisters present from D.O.B. as well as G.A.A.C.

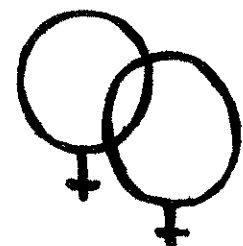
Future plans are being made for more social gatherings for all our sisters.

Again, any woman is welcome to join the group and we hope you will. If you are an interested sister - feel free to contact the Women's group for any further information.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO US AND WE DO NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Note of interest: Departing from the picnic grounds, we passed a nearby group. Standing atop a picnic table "towering" over "his woman" I chanced to overhear a young man say, "You women are always putting us on pedestals." ISN'T IGNORANCE BLISS????????????

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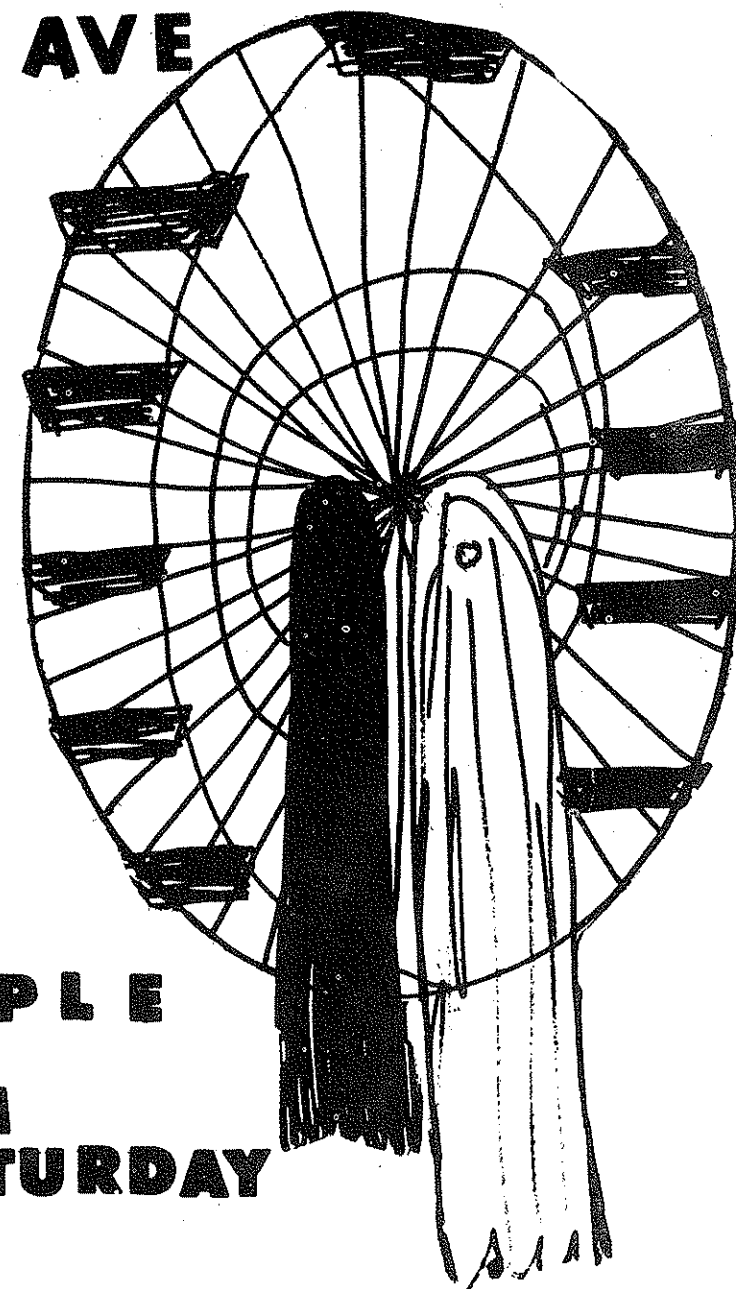
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of the embryonic Lesbian  
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The caucus unanimously  
applauded the GAA/NY for its  
August 3 change of policy goals  
regarding legal change. The  
New York group repudiated its  
former goal of working for the  
legalization of "all sexual  
conduct between consenting  
persons regardless of age" and  
has substituted the goal of  
removing all laws prohibiting  
sexual conduct between  
"consenting adults."

Also, the caucus affirmed  
its decision to re-establish  
the New Jersey Gay Coalition, a  
former statewide representative  
body that met monthly at Rutgers  
University to exchange area  
movement information and to  
formulate state strategy.

ATTENTION ALL SISTERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Come this September, sisters of  
GAAC's Women's Activity Group  
will be joining with the Women's  
Group of GAA of Essex-Union.

The two groups will become one  
committee known as the Lesbian  
Liberation Committee.

It is our hope that all women  
will take the opportunity to join  
us and make this union a successful  
one.

Any woman interested in  
becoming part of the group or  
interested in further information  
is asked to please contact:

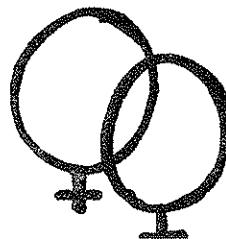
Kathy Parkin--201-828-4907

OR

Debbie Little-201-763-4818

First meeting will be held  
sometime in early September. If  
interested, please contact Kathy  
or Debbie. Further meeting dates  
will be posted in newsletter.

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The caucus concluded with a  
strong stand on politically  
active gay people. "We have  
learned an important lesson from  
our black brothers and sisters  
in this regard," said Kathy  
Parkin, co-ordinator of the  
Women's Committee of Gay Awareness  
Action Committee (Middlesex  
County). "Gays will only achieve  
true legislative reform when we  
have gays openly running for office,"  
she said. Gish has already  
announced his candidacy of the May  
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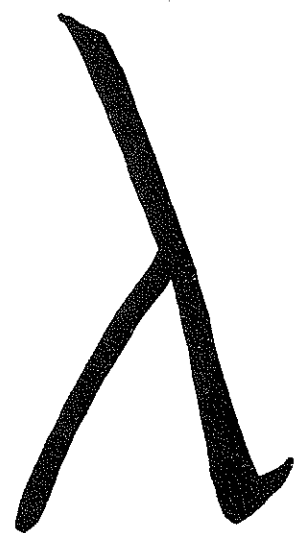
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763-1506
2. Gay Awareness Action Committee of Middlesex & Somerset Co. (GAACMS)  
Mail: 27 Prospect St.  
New Brunswick, N.J.  
Meet: Temple Emanuel  
Parsonage Rd Edison, N.J.  
Thurs. @ 8:00 P.M.  
201-828-4907
3. Gay Activists Alliance of Essex & Union County (GAAEU)  
Mail: P.O. Box 554  
Maplewood, N.J. 07040  
Meet: Ethical Cultural Society  
Prospect St. Maplewood, N.J.  
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4. Gay Activists Alliance of N.J. Bergen County (GAANJ)  
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5. Gay Activists Alliance of William Paterson College (GAAWPC)  
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300 Pompton Rd Wayne, N.J.  
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9. Rutgers Student Homophile League  
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201-247-1766 ext. 6886
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